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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on whole body hens and toms was steady to fully steady. Trading was reported on hens and toms for immediate and deferred shipments. Demand was in a full range from light to good with most interest noted for fresh and frozen hens and toms for the Thanksgiving holiday. Supplies were adequate to close with lighter weights more closely balanced. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow. Demand was slow.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums and mechanically separated turkey, balance was slow. Demand was limited. Offerings were adequate to close.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 28, 2004**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-78	78	78.00	15	77.50	80	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-76	-	-	-	77.50	80	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-77	75	75.00	200	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-77	77	77.00	160	-	-	-	560	OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	480	OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 SEPTEMBER 2004.

The market on breast trim, scapula and wing meat with skin was steady to firm, balance of white meat mostly steady. Demand for breast trim, scapula and wing meat with skin was fair to good, tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins were slow to moderate. Offerings of tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins light to instances fully adequate, trims and wing meat with skin tight and held with confidence. Trading slow on all items as processors turn their attention to November holiday needs. For domestic: Grade A basted 14-16 lb. breasts 120, plant grade non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts 115, fresh breast trim 130 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	97.80	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	154.00	36
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	88.00		88.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.50		43.50	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	44.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	42.64	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	52.50		52.50	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	51.00-52.00		51.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	92.00		92.00	6
NECKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	40
NECKS, HEN		R	24.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00		165.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	208.06	342
THIGH MEAT		R	85.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	90.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	127.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		W	157.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	164.00		164.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	180.20	200
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.50-19.00		18.25	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	19.00	80

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	44.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	34.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.24	272
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	80.32	248

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	83-84
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	83

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	113-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	112-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	106-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	106-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	112-122

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The market on tom drums was steady, tom necks and wings steady to firm. Hen bulk parts market steady to firm. Demand light to fair. Offerings mixed and generally held with confidence. The market on tails was steady to barely steady with mixed product more readily available than tom only sizes. The market on thigh meat was steady with unsettledness noted. Some industry members continued to wait impatiently for the results of the Russian inspector visits. Trading moderate on frozen mechanically separated turkey for export and tom full-cut wings for domestic shipments, balance light. For domestic (fresh): wing meat with skin 117-121 mostly 117-118, scapula 120, breast trim 128 cents delivered. For export: frozen thigh trim with bone fragments 28, fresh thigh meat 85, frozen destrapped tenderloins 161 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	88.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	44.00		44.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	46.00		46.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	53.00-57.00		54.00	200
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	51.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	92.00	6
NECKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	20
NECKS, HEN		R	24.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	165.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	211.00		211.00	20
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WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	19.00	80

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	44.00-45.00		44.33	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	34.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	300
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	80.32	248

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 09/29/04

SEASON	CUMULATIVE		
	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITE	BREEDS
2003-2004	11,200	89,139	89,139
2002-2003	1,000	70,204	70,204

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